SENATE BILL 1486

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 70, relative to wildlife resources.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-302(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

- (b) The agency may enter into cooperative agreements with the United States

 Tennessee Valley authority, United States fish and wildlife service, national park service,

 United States forest service, any other federal agency, or with any state for the purpose
 of regulating fishing, hunting, or trapping in the area under jurisdiction of the federal
 agencies or the state or in interstate waters, as the case may be. The regulations
 become effective when they have been accepted by all parties to the agreement and as
 soon as forty-five (45) days have elapsed from the first publication of the regulations.

 Agreements involving reciprocal actions relative to wildlife violations become effective
 forty-five (45) days after publication in the same manner as is required for proclamations.

 SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-307(a), is amended by deleting
 the subsection and substituting instead the following:
 - (a) The executive director shall, on or before September 30 of each year, prepare and present to the governor and each member of the fish and wildlife commission an annual report detailing agency expenditures during the preceding year, the amount of monies received and from what source, and the amount expended and for what purposes.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.